

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
John Fix

Scripture Reading:
Nate Durham
Psalm 32:1-5

Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Covering Sins

Closing Prayer:
TBD

Wednesday, July 29

Song Leader:
Bailey Steger

Invitation:
Kevin Hayes

Prayer:
John Fix

Lord's Supper Preparation
July: Steger
August:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Kevin Hayes
Ephesian 6:1-4

Prayer:
Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper:
Jim Stubblefield
TBD

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
It Takes Parents to Raise a Child

Announcements:
Thom Steger

Closing Prayer:
Andrew Durham

Usher for This Week:
Louis Long

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Count Your Blessings

Everyone has problems, and some are worse than others. However, if you stop to count your blessings, you will find that you have had more good things than bad. Today we are blessed to be in the assembly of God's people in order to worship God and edify one another. This privilege alone is a blessing beyond measure!

Streaming Services

All services of the church will be streamed live on the Creekview Facebook page. Each stream will begin a few minutes early so that viewers can connect.



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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAYS:

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

“They Know Me Not”

The prophet Jeremiah was burdened with the task of delivering bad news to God’s people in Judah. The nation was on the verge of destruction, and its people were to be taken away in captivity. This message grieved Jeremiah, and it angered the people. Even so, the truth had to be told.

Jeremiah not only told of Judah’s coming destruction, but he gave reasons for it. In many words, he made the case against Judah, but the essence of his case can be summarized in only a few words. In Jeremiah 4:22, God gave a brief summary of Judah’s fundamental problem:

“For My people are foolish, they know Me not; they are stupid children and have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, but to do good they do not know.”

The problem that gripped Judah has also taken hold of our own nation. Granted, the United States is not the designated people of God as Israel and Judah were, but it has often been described as a Christian nation. Moreover, every nation has an obligation to know and remember God or else face destruction (Ps. 9:17). Thus, it is a national disaster when the people of a nation forget God and turn toward evil.

Sadly, each part of God’s charge against Judah is becoming progressively worse in our own nation.

- “For My people are foolish, they know Me not.” This is not a matter of knowing that God exists, for all of Judah knew of God. Instead, it is a matter of knowing Him personally, which is reflected by reverence and obedience to Him. In the United States, the rising levels of irreverence, blasphemy, and godless behavior are indicative of a nation that is forgetting God.
- “They are stupid children and have no understanding.” This speaks to a nation’s spiritual immaturity and lack of Bible knowledge. Children are occupied with education because they are born without knowledge, but what is to be done for a nation of adults who have not learned that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge” (Prov. 1:7)? For Israel, God said, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hos. 4:6). What shall become of our nation?
- “They are shrewd to do evil.” There are individuals and collective segments of our nation who are very skillful in the practice of evil. They not only commit evil, they also promote it and find ways to make it legal, legitimate, honorable, and commendable in our nation. Their pattern of behavior is nothing new. It is the same pattern followed by the Gentiles and described in Romans 1:18-32.
- “But to do good they do not know.” While evil men pour their talents, efforts, and resources into evil pursuits, they remain oblivious and impervious to the goodness God desires from them. It is not that they are unable to understand but that they are unwilling. They refuse to accept God’s simple

prescription for good that is given in Micah 6:8:

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

By the time Jeremiah prophesied to Judah, it was too late for the nation to avoid its dreadful fate. The people were bound to see their nation utterly destroyed, and they would be removed to a faraway land to live in captivity. Many of the people would die in the process, and most of the survivors would never see their homeland again. It was a high price to pay for stubbornly refusing to know God.

So then, is it too late for our nation? It seems that there is still time to reverse the trends and preserve our nation, but God only knows. Regardless of whether our nation makes that reversal, there is always an opportunity for every individual to hear the gospel and embrace the repentance that leads to salvation through Jesus (Acts 11:18; 17:30-31). Each person’s eternal fate is not tied to the fate of his nation. However, it would be a grievous shame to waste a nation that has been as blessed as ours. May we through God preserve it.

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news & notes

- Andie Ruch’s new address in Florida is posted on the bulletin board.
- As always, your prayers for Kim and Kay Lanius are desired. Kay has been having an exceptionally difficult time lately.
- Please also pray for these members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Laurie Polchek, and Lana Richardson. Also pray for Jody Baize, Sandlyn Fultz, Tommy Lanius, Judy Ragland, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long’s sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday- 1Thessalonians 1-3
Monday - Leviticus 19-21
Tuesday - 2Kings 16-20
Wednesday - Psalms 87-89
Thursday - Proverbs 13
Friday - Ezekiel 37-42
Saturday - Luke 23-24

meetings

None to announce